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In re patent application of:
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For: TNF INHIBITORS FOR THE
TREATMENT OF NEUROLOGICAL,
RETINAL AND MUSCULAR
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the first Office Action.

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 50 to 65 and 100 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over four (4) references. For the reasons stated herein, the claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. There are many TNF antagonists, and each of them is not effective for the same diseases in humans. In this case, applicant's claims cover only specific TNF antagonists, and none of the cited references teach the use of the specific TNF antagonists claimed for the disorders claimed.